

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claim 1 without prejudice, amended claims 2-5 and added new claim 8 and has amended the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims and specification are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims and specification as amended.

The Examiner has objected to Fig. 14, stating that it merely displays a black background with a label "500nm". In reply thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that as described in the Brief Description of the Drawings at page 4, Fig. 14 is a photograph of a sample with grooves formed by the lithographic method shown in Fig. 1. Applicant has amended the specification to clearly describe this matter and further amended Fig. 14 to include the required reference numerals. As part of this amendment to the figures, submitted herewith is a replacement sheet.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 3 and 5/(1,2) are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 2 to be in independent form, added new claim 8 which also contains the allowable subject matter and has made the remainder of the claims 2-7 dependent directly or indirectly from the allowable claims 2 and 8. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-8 are all now allowable and Applicant accepts these allowed claims.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a two month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$205.00 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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